



UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1605 Arch Street
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POLREP 1 and Final
Chinquipin Road Site
Chinquipin Road,
Northampton Twp., Bucks County, Pennsylvania

I. Situation: 10/30/98

- A. Pursuant to National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP) 40CFR §300.410(f) the Federal On-Scene Coordinator is terminating the Removal Site Evaluation of the Chinquipin Road Site.
- B. The On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) has collected samples at the site and has determined that there is no material present that exhibit hazardous substance characteristics. The OSC has determined that the amount, quantity or concentration of the material does not warrant a Federal Response.

II. Action Taken:

- A. Discovery/ Notification: On January 14, 1998 the Northampton Township Police responded to a report of cardiac arrest at (b) (6). The victim had just completed a final walk thru of the home for settlement the following day. His fiancé reported that they just completed the inspection when the victim collapsed. The victim had been inspecting the home's crawl space as part of the home inspection. The local fire department conducted air monitoring for carbon monoxide build up, none was found. The fiancé contacted EPA on January 17, 1998 at the suggestion of her doctor. The initial autopsy by the Bucks County Coroner did not find any specific cause of death. The fiancé was asking for EPA assistance in identifying if there was any contaminant in the home that could have contributed in the death and that could pose a threat to the occupant of the home.
- B. Removal Assessment: On January 28, 1998, EPA's SAT contractor conducted sampling of the crawl space and inspected the rest of the structure and garage. Initial field screening found no evidence of organic vapors. Samples were collected and shipped to a lab for analysis. On February 10, 1998 the sample results and data validation package was received that confirmed that there was no evidence of contamination that presents a threat to the public health or the environment.

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- C. Sample results and trip reports forwarded to the fiancé and the county coroner.
 - D. The OSC consulted with ATSDR and the County Coroner concerning any additional testing as part of the autopsy that could help identify the cause of death. ATSDR provided their recommendations to the coroners office. On October 5, 1998, the OSC received a letter from the Coroner of Bucks County, which reported that the complete autopsy and advance toxilological study were unable to ascertain an independent cause of death. The final death certificate filed by the coroners office, identifies the cause and manner of death as undetermined.

III. Future Plans:

- A. No Federal Response Required.
- B. Case Closed.

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